

DIY project

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# make your own POTTING BENCH

Every gardener dreams about a sturdy worktop like this one.

## Materials

**You will need** • 10m x 100mm x 50mm dressed H3 pine framing (cut 2 x 1150mm; cut 3 x 740mm; cut 4 x 775mm; cut 2 x 1075mm) • 13m x 150mm x 50mm dressed H3 pine framing (cut 6 lengths at 1200mm; cut 7 lengths at 740mm) • 10 x 75mm galvanised countersunk screws • 75 x 3.15mm galvanised flat head nails • drill • saw • tape measure • pencil • sandpaper

The materials cost us  
**\$140**  
from Mitre 10







## step-by-step

# 1

**Make the benchtop frame** using 2 100mm x 1150mm pieces and 3 100mm x 740mm. Drill pilot holes and screw together.



# 2

**Make leg frames** with 4 100mm x 775mm and 2 100mm x 1075mm (crosspieces). Screw latter 250mm up from bottom.



# 3

**Attach leg frames** to benchtop frame. Drill pilot holes and screw, using 2 screws per leg. Leg frames sit inside benchtop frame.



# 4

**Turn frame upright.** Lay 6 lengths 150mm x 740mm on the frame to make a shelf. Measure the gap and cut 7th piece to fit.



# 5

**Line up shelf edges** so they sit flush with the outside leg edges, then nail the seven pieces in place to secure the shelf.



# 6

**Sand the rough edges.** The square edges can be slightly rounded to give a smooth finish. A sanding block is the perfect tool.



# 7

**Lay the 6 remaining pieces** on top of the frame. Line up the edges so they overhang about 250mm on each side.



# 8

**Nail in place** (at each end and in the middle of the table), then tidy the edges with sandpaper. Paint or stain – or leave au naturel.

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### Results

## COMPOST

A mixture of organic ingredients ideal for improving soil structure. 40 Litre. 330219 2

**\$5.10 bag**  
4 for **\$19.40**

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## POTTING MIX

Contains 3 months controlled release fertiliser. 40 Litre. 139178 4

**\$6.98 bag**



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## SLOW RELEASE FERTILISER

Keeps your garden fed for up to 3 months from one simple application. 500g. 141822 3

**\$6.49**

### FISKARS

## MULTI PURPOSE SCOOP

119279 1

**\$7.13**



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